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SUBJECT: Text of September 11 CNDP statement  
announcing unilateral withdrawal

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¶1. As indicated reftel, the CNDP issued a statement September 11 in the form of a letter addressed to SRSG Alan Doss in which it promises a unilateral withdrawal from territories occupied "in recent days." Following are embassy's unofficial translation of the statement (para 2), as well as the original text in French (para. 3).

Note: The statement is addressed to UN/SRSG Alan Doss, with info copies to a number of individuals from the international community involved in efforts to achieve peace in the east of the DRC. Curiously, Special Advisor for Conflict Resolution Tim Shortley is not included. End note.

¶2. Begin unofficial embassy translation of September 11, 2008 CNDP statement:

CC copies to:

- President of the UN Security Council, New York;
- Secretary General of the United Nations, New York;
- Special Envoy of the European Union to the Great Lakes, Brussels;
- Coordinator of MONUC activities in the eastern DRC, Goma;
- Fr. Apollinaire Malu Malu, Coordinator of the Amani Program, Kinshasa;
- Chief of MONUC Office, Goma.

To:

Ambassador Alan Doss, special representative of the UN Secretary General to the DRC, Kinshasa.

Subject: Unilateral Withdrawal of the CNDP

I have the honor to inform you herewith that the Political Directorate of the CNDP has just issued orders to its troops to conduct a unilateral and immediate withdrawal from all positions conquered on all fronts since the resumption of hostilities in the past few days.

The order for this withdrawal is issued to permit the humanitarian community to have access to our compatriots most in need and to give peace a new chance in our province. Thus, we request that you direct MONUC units to allow safe passage to our troops as they return to their initial positions.

We wish to insist that this withdrawal constitutes a final gesture of good will by our Movement and at the same time a last warning. Our Movement will no longer tolerate any provocation whatsoever from the FARDC or its proxy forces, whatever they may be. The International Facilitation is forewarned: if the aggressive actions

of these past few days recur, in any form whatsoever, even the firing of a single bullet, the CNDP will respond with the greatest vigor and will only stop after having put a decisive end to any future threat.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Political directorate, the Chairman

Laurent NKUNDA MIHIGO, Brigadier General

End unofficial embassy translation

13. Original French text follows:

TRANSMIS COPIE POUR INFORMATION A :

--SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SECURITE DES NATIONS UNIES A NEW-YORK/MANHATTAN/USA ;  
-- SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL DES NATIONS UNIES A NEW-YORK/MANHATTAN/USA ;  
-- SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR L'ENVOYE SPECIAL DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE DANS LES GRANDS-LACS A BRUXELLES/BELGIQUE ;  
MONSIEUR LE COORDONNATEUR DES ACTIVITES DE LA MONUC A L'EST DE LA RDC A GOMA ;  
-- MONSIEUR L'ABBE APOLLINAIRE MALU MALU, COORDONNATEUR DU PROGRAMME NATIONAL AMANI A KINSHASA/GOMBE ;  
-- MADAME LA CHEF DE BUREAU DE LA MONUC/NORD-KIVU A GOMA ;

A SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR ALAN DOSS  
REPRESENTANT SPECIAL DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL DES NATIONS UNIES EN RDC

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OBJET : RETRAIT UNILATERAL DU CNDP.

EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

PAR LA PRESENTE, J'AI L'HONNEUR DE PORTER A VOTRE CONNAISSANCE QUE LA DIRECTION POLITIQUE DU CNDP VIENT D'ORDONNER A SES TROUPES D'OPERER UN RETRAIT UNILATERAL ET IMMEDIAT DE TOUTES LES POSITIONS CONQUISES SUR TOUS LES FRONTS DEPUIS LA REPRISE DES HOSTILITES DE CES DERNIERS JOURS.

CE RETRAIT EST ORDONNE A LA FOIS POUR PERMETTRE A LA COMMUNAUTE HUMANITAIRE D'ACCEDER A NOS COMPATRIOTES QUI EN ONT LE PLUS BESOIN ET POUR REDONNER UNE CHANCE A LA PAIX DANS NOTRE PROVINCE.

AINSI, NOUS VOUS DEMANDONS DE DONNER AUX UNITES DE LA MONUC LA CONSIGNE DE LAISSER LIBRE PASSAGE A NOS TROUPES QUI REGAGNENT LEURS POSITIONS INITIALES.

NOUS TENONS A INSISTER SUR LE FAIT QUE CE RETRAIT CONSTITUE UN DERNIER GESTE DE BONNE VOLONTE DE NOTRE MOUVEMENT ET EN MEME TEMPS UNE DERNIERE MISE EN GARDE. NOTRE MOUVEMENT NE TOLERERA PLUS AUCUNE PROVOCATION NI DES FARDC NI DE LEURS FORCES SUPPLETIVES QUELLES QU'ELLES SOIENT. LA FACILITATION INTERNATIONALE EST PREVENUE : SI LES AGRESSIONS DE CES DERNIERS JOURS DEVAIENT REPREDRE, SOUS QUELQUE FORME QUE CE SOIT, Y COMPRIS LE TIR D'UNE SEULE BALLE, ALORS LE CNDP Y REPONDRA AVEC LA PLUS GRANDE VIGUEUR ET NE S'ARRETERA QU'APRES MIS DEFINITIVEMENT FIN A TOUTE MENACE FUTURE.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR, L'EXPRESSION DE MA PARFAITE CONSIDERATION.

POUR LA DIRECTION POLITIQUE, LE CHAIRMAN, LAURENT NKUNDA MIHIGO,  
GENERAL DE BRIG.

End original text in French

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